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### Office Action Summary

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10/534,186

**Applicant(s)**

LEIJON ET AL.

**Examiner**

KARL I.E. TAMAI

**Art Unit**

2834

**Period for Reply** -- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 December 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7,9,11,12,15 and 16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7,9,11,12,15 and 16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB-083)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Specification***

1. The amended title, "power storage system with low voltage and high voltage windings for a vehicle driving system" has been entered into the file wrapper. The objection to the title is withdrawn.

### ***Drawings***

2. The drawings filed on 10.20.2008 has been approved and entered.

### ***Claim Objections***

3. Claims 9 and 11 are objected to because of the following informalities: Claims 9 and 11 depend from cancelled claims 8 and 10. Appropriate correction is required. For the purpose of advancing prosecution on the merits the examiner will assume the claims depend from claim 1.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein

were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

6. Claims 1-4, 9, and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stevenson et al. (Stevenson)(US 6753619) and Kawamura (US 20020060505). Stevenson teaches a power storage system for a hybrid drive vehicle having a driving system with at least one electric apparatus 14/16 and a power storage 12 having a stator-provided winding 38 and at least one rotor with a magnetic-flux generating permanent magnets 40, where the rotor is connected to a flywheel 30 for storage of energy in the form of kinetic energy in at least one rotary mass. The power storage being arranged to transmit power to and from the electric apparatus by the controller 14 (see col. 4, lines 23-45). Stevenson teaches the stator winding 38 is wound to extend in the air gap between the core 36 and the magnet 38 (as shown in figure 3). Stevenson does not teach the stator having a first winding arranged to operate at low voltage and a second winding to operate at high voltage with the first and second windings being arranged to operate independently of each other. Kawamura teaches generators have multiple windings to generate various voltages such as 12-24 V for low voltages and 100-200 V for high voltages for different power requirements on a vehicle. Stevenson and Kawamura do not teach the high voltage being greater than 380 V. Fong teaches

that multiple voltages produced by an alternator includes a variety of high and low voltages including 400V and 220 V (above and below 380V) to determine the most effective or advantageous voltage combination for the alternator (col. 4, line 15). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the electrical generator art at the time of the invention to construct the power system of Stevenson with the low and high power windings transmitting power to and from the motor/generator to meet the various power requirements on a vehicle as taught by Kawamura, where the high voltage is above 380 V and the low voltage is below 380 V to provide the most advantageous output from the alternator, as taught by Fong.

7. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stevenson et al. (Stevenson)(US 6753619), Kawamura (US 20020060505), and Fong (US 4163915), in further view of Tanaka (US 6172435). Stevenson, Kawamura, and Fong teach every aspect of the invention except the rotor having a squirrel cage winding. Tanaka teaches the flux generator device on the rotor can be a squirrel cage 19 or a permanent magnet (col. 5, line 19) to operate as a motor/generator, however the squirrel cage is the preferred embodiment in the high speed flywheel. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to construct the power system of Stevenson, Kawamura, and Fong with magnetic flux generator being a squirrel cage because Tanaka teaches that it is the preferred embodiment in the high speed flywheel and because selection between known equivalents is within the ordinary skill in the art.

8. Claims 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stevenson et al. (Stevenson)(US 6753619), Kawamura (US 20020060505), and Fong (US 4163915), in further view of Ueyama et al. (Ueyama)(US 5739609). Stevenson, Kawamura, and Fong teach every aspect of the invention except the rotor flywheel supported by magnetic or sliding bearings. Ueyama teaches a rotor supported by magnetic and sliding bearings to provide high speed rotation of the rotor and safe touchdown bearings for protecting the motor. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to construct the power system of Stevenson, Kawamura, and Fong with magnetic bearings and slide bearings to provide high speed rotation.

9. Claims 11 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stevenson et al. (Stevenson)(US 6753619), Kawamura (US 20020060505), and Fong (US 4163915), in further view of Leijon (WO 97/45935). Stevenson, Kawamura, and Fong teach every aspect of the invention except the generator operating between 1-24 kv, one of the windings having of a conductor surrounded by a first semiconducting layer surrounded by a layer of fixed insulation surrounded by a second semiconducting layer. Leijon teaches rotary electric machines operating voltages between 110-20 kv (page 3, line 24) to be used in conjunction with a power station. Leijon teaches that it is known to provide one of the windings 6 (figure 2)(pg. 14, lines 18-27) with a conductor surrounded by a first semiconducting layer 32 surrounded by a layer of fixed insulation

33 surrounded by a second semiconducting layer 34 to provide a generator with high voltage cable. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to construct the power system of Stevenson, Kawamura, and Fong with winding having a conductor surrounded by a first semiconducting layer surrounded by a layer of fixed insulation surrounded by a second semiconducting layer to provide a high voltage winding that can be used in conjunction with a power station, as taught by Leijon, and because selection of the operating range has been held to involve only routine skill in the art (see *In re Aller*, 105 USPQ 233).

10. Claims 11 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stevenson et al. (Stevenson)(US 6753619) and Kawamura (US 20020060505), in further view of Smith et al. (Smith)(US 6163097). Stevenson and Kawamura teach every aspect of the invention except the rotor having a first core, second core, and a third core with the first winding of the stator being arranged between said first and second cores and the second winding of the stator being arranged between said second and third cores. Smith teaches the operating voltage can be 480 V. Smith teaches a rotor 15 (see Fig. 3) having a first core 14, second core 14, and a third core 14 with the first winding 100 of the stator being arranged between said first and second cores and the second winding 100 of the stator being arranged between said second and third cores to provide an economical and high powered motor generator. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to construct the power system of Stevenson and Kawamura with the rotor having a first core, second

core, and a third core with the first winding of the stator being arranged between said first and second cores and the second winding of the stator being arranged between said second and third cores to provide an economical and high powered motor generator, and with the operating voltage above 380 to provide 480 V as taught by Smith.

***Response to Arguments***

11. Applicant's arguments are not persuasive. Stevenson and Kawamura both teach multiple stator windings groups to provide high and low voltages. The particular voltage required is merely a result effective variable that is within the ordinary skill in the art to determining the proper voltage based on the application driven by the voltage. Applicant's argument regarding references being non-analogous art is not persuasive because they are both generators. Applicant's argument regarding driving a vehicle is not persuasive because the limitation is not claimed.

12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Karl I.E. Tamai whose telephone number is (571) 272 - 2036.

The examiner can be normally contacted on Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mrs. Quyen Leung, can be reached at (571) 272 - 8188. The facsimile number for the Group is (571) 273 - 8300.



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PRIMARY PATENT EXAMINER  
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